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AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME INCREASES IN 1961

(Advance data from March 1962 sample survey)

The average (median) money income of families in the United States was about \$5,700 in 1961, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This estimate, from a sample survey of some 26,000 households, was about \$120, or 2 percent, higher than in 1960. Consumer prices rose during this period by about 1 percent; therefore, any increase in family income greater than this amount represented a net gain in purchasing power for the average family.

About 10 million families, or 21 percent of the 464 million families in the Nation, received money incomes under \$3,000 in 1961. The number of families in that income range remained about the same as a year earlier. Another 9 million, or 20 percent, received incomes between \$3,000 and \$5,000 last year; and 10 million, or 22 percent, had incomes between \$5,000 and \$7,000. The remaining 17 million families, or 37 percent, reported incomes of \$7,000 or more, representing an increase of about 1½ million femilies in this class since the March 1961 survey.

Table A.—NUMBER OF FAMILIES BY 1961 FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Pamily income	Number of families
Total	46,341,000
Under \$1,000	2,316,000
\$1,000 to \$1,999	3,573,000
\$2,000 to \$2,999	4,037,000
\$3,000 to \$3,999	4,387,000
\$4,000 to \$4,999	4,845,000
\$5,000 to \$5,999	5,439,000
\$6,000 to \$6,999	4,714,000
\$7,000 to \$7,999	4,231,000
\$8,000 to \$9,999	5,375,000
\$10,000 to \$14,999	5,219,000
\$15,000 and over	2,205,000

For men, last year's median income advanced to \$4,200, up \$110, or 3 percent, from the preceding year. At \$1,300, the median income of women in 1961 remained substantially the same as in 1960 and 1959.

The 1961 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1962. More detailed income data from the survey for families and persons will appear in a report to be issued later this year. Income statistics collected in the 1950 Census of Population appear in a number of published reports. Basic distributions of persons 14 years old and over, families, and unrelated individuals, by money income in 1959, for the United States, each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are presented in U.S. Census of Population: 1960, "General Social and Economic Characteristics, Series PC(1)-1C to 53C. Statistics on income in 1959 by detailed characteristics, including crossclassifications by age, weeks worked, education, type of family, etc., are presented in Series PC(1)-D Reports entitled "Detailed Characteristics" for some or all of the following areas: States and their urban and rural parts, large counties, and standard metropolitan statistical areas of 250,000 or more.

The information on income in 1961 was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in the United States. Income data cover money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. The fact that many farm workers do not pay rent for their living quarters and that many receive an important part of their income in the form of goods produced and consumed on the farm rather than in money should be taken into consideration in comparing the income of farm and nonfarm residents.

Total income is defined as the sum of money wage or salary income, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings, such as net rents, interest, dividends, Social Security benefits, pensions, and public assistance or other governmental payments. Family income represents the combined total received from these sources by all family members during the calendar year. Earnings are defined as the sum of money wage or salary income and net income from self-employment. A year-round full-time worker is one who worked primarily at full-time jobs (35 hours or more per week) for 50 weeks or more during 1961.

The median income is the amount which divides an income distribution into two equal groups, one group having incomes

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 $^{^1}$ The Consumer Price Index of the Department of Labor averaged 103.1 in 1960 and 104.2 in 1961 (1957-59=100).

above the median and the other having incomes below the median. In comparing income data for 1961 with those for previous years, account should be taken of the fact that changes in income were accompanied by changes in prices. Therefore, an increase or decrease in income between selected years does not necessarily represent a similar change in economic well-being.

Other data relating to the income received by the population are available from the personal income series of the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture's farm income series, Federal individual income tax tabulations, and Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings records. These sets of statistics are collected for different purposes and differ with respect to coverage and definitions.

For a discussion of the comparability of these statistics with survey data collected by the Bureau of the Census, and for more detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see <u>Current Population Reports</u>, Series P-60, No. 37, "Income of Families and Persons in the United States: 1960."

Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Particular care should be exercised in interpreting medians and percents based on relatively small numbers of cases, as well as small differences between figures. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

Table 1,--COLOR AND PARM-MONTARM RESIDENCE: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1961, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Nedian not shown where base is less than 200,000; percent not shown where less than 0.1)

·			Parilies		` Families								
Total money income	Ū	nited States		Urben and rural	Rural	Ū	hited States	Urban and	Rural				
	Total	White	Hombite	nonferm	Cars	Total	White	Monwhite	rurel nonferm	farm			
Total	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100.			
Ender \$500	2.4	2.2	4,3	2.0	7.6	14.0	12,7	21,3	13.7	21.			
\$500 to \$999	2.6	2.0	8.4	2.2	7.2	18,4	17.5	23,8	17.9	31.			
\$1,000 to \$1,499		3.1	9.0	3.3	8.1	13.2	12.9	15.0	13.1	16.			
11,500 to \$1,999		3,5	9.0	3.7	8.0	8.8	9.0	7.5	8,7	10.			
\$2,000 to \$2,499	4.6	4.0	9.6	4.2	8.6	7.5	7.6	6.6	7.5	6.			
12,500 to \$2,999	4,1	3.8	7.2	3.9	7.2	5.1	5.4	3.5	5.2	3,			
13,000 to \$3,499	4.8	4.6	6.8	4.7	6.8	5.4	5,2	6.6	5.5	2.			
13,500 to \$3,999	4.6	4.5	5,9	4.5	6.7	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.4	1,			
14,000 to \$4,499	5.4	5,2	6,4	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.7	2.2	4.4	1.			
14,500 to \$4,999	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.0	3.6	3.9	1.7	3.7				
\$5,000 to \$5,999	11.7	12.1	8.0	11.9	9,5	6.0	6.3	4.2	6.0	4.			
\$6,000 to \$6,999	10,2]	10.6	5.8	10,6	5,5	3.8	4.1	2.1	3.9	0.			
77,000 to \$77,999	9.1	9.7	4.3	9.5	4.7	1.7	2,0	0.2	1.8				
18.000 to \$9.999	11.6	12,3	4.7	12.2	4.5	1.5	1.7	0.7	1.6				
110,000 to \$14,999	11.3	12,0	4.4	11.9	4.0	1.5	1,7	0.4	1.6				
115,000 to \$24,999	3.6	3,9	1.0	3.8 (1.3	0,6	0.7	0.2	0.6				
125,000 and ower	1.1	1.2.	0.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	0,3	•••	0.3				
tedian income	\$5,737	\$5,981	\$3,191	\$5,924	\$3,241	\$1,755	\$1,685	\$1,160	\$1,805	\$94			
HEAD YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIPS WORKER	l	•				i	!						
Percent of total	62.2	63.9	46.2	61.8	66.9	33.9	34,3	31.7	33.9	33.			
dedian income	\$6,875	\$7,030	\$4,628	\$7,105	\$3,788	\$3,949	\$4,127	\$2,983	\$4,032				

Table 2.—SEX AND FARM-HOUVARM RESIDENCE: FERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1961, FOR THE UNITED STATES (Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

·		Both sexes			Male			Female	
Total money income	United States	Urban and rural nonfarm	Rural farm	United States	Urban and rural numfarm	Rural farm	United States	Urban and rural nonfare	Rural farm
Number of personsthousends Number of persons with incomethousends	127,518 93,915	117,331 86,967	10,187 6,948	ഖ,098 55,839	55,784 51,154	5,314 4,685	66,420 38,076	61,547 35,613.	4,873 2,263
INCOME RECIPIENTS									
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100,0
\$1 to \$499 or loss \$500 to \$999. \$1,500 to \$1,499. \$1,500 to \$1,499. \$2,500 to \$2,499. \$2,500 to \$2,499. \$3,500 to \$3,499. \$3,500 to \$3,499. \$4,500 to \$4,499. \$4,500 to \$4,999. \$4,500 to \$5,999. \$6,000 to \$6,999. \$7,000 to \$7,999.	4,9 5,8 4,7 5,1 4,3 8,6 5,9	14.5 11.3.2 8.0.2 6.2.9 4.5.8 5.4.4 9.0.2 6.2.5	28.8 15.5 9.7 7.0 7.7 5.4 5.4 3.5 2.9 2.6 4.4 2.3	9.0 6.8 6.6 4.7 5.5 5.0 5.9 5.3 12.2 8.9 6.7	8.0 6.3 6.2 4.4 5.2 4.5 5.5 5.1 6.1 5.5 12.7 9.5	20.0 12.8 10.4 7.8 8.6 6.8 6.9 4.2 3.6 3.1 6.1 3.0 1.8	25.2 18.7 10.9 8.1 7.5 5.7 6.0 4.4 3.9 2.9 3.4 1.5	23.7 18.6 11.1 8.3 7.69 6.3 4.5 4.1 3.0 3.6 1.6	47.0 20.9 8.3 5.4 6.0 2.7 2.4 2.1 1.4 1.0 0.7
\$8,000 to \$9,999. \$10,000 to \$149,999. \$15,000 to \$24,999. \$25,000 and over. Hedian income.	3.7 3.0 1.2 0.5	3.9 3.1 1.2 0.5	1.6 1.2 0.4 0.3 \$1,293	5.8 4.8 1.9 0.8 \$4,189	6.1 5.1 2.0 0.8 \$4,418	2.3 1.8 0.5 0.3 \$1,940	0.6 0.3 0.1 0.1 \$1,279	0.6 0.3 0.1 0.1 \$1,347	0,2 0,1 0,2 3771
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS									•
Percent of all income recipients	45.3 \$5,031	45,2 \$5,188	46.3 \$2,665	57.5 \$5,663	57.3 \$5,842	59.6 \$2,793	27.5 \$3,342	28.0 \$3,379	18.8 \$2,236

Table 3.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1961 OF FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES (Median not shown where base is less than 200,000)

	<u>All</u> femilies		er-round		All femilies	Head year-round full-time worker	
Selected characteristics	Hedian income	Percent of all families	Median income	Selected characteristics	Median income	Percent of all families	Median income
All families	\$5,737	62.2	\$6,875	MAJOR COCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD			
TIPS OF FAMILY Male head. Married, wife present Wife in paid labor force Vife not in paid labor force Other marital status Female head. AGE OF HEAD 14 to 24 years. 25 to 34 years. 35 to 44 years. 35 to 54 years. 55 to 65 years and over.	\$6,009 6,037 7,188 5,592 5,069 2,993 \$4,230 5,623 6,523 6,523 6,712 5,819 3,026	66.0 66.4 67.1 53.3 27.3 56.0 71.3 74.4 72.0 63.5 16.9	\$6,965 6,978 8,154 6,546 6,340 4,699 \$5,133 6,542 7,170 7,388 6,997 5,529	Professional, technical, and kindred worbers. Self-employed. Selaried. Farmers and farm managers. Henegers, Officials, and propris, exc. farm. Self-employed. Selaried. Clarical and kindred workers. Selse workers. Craftsman, forceson, and kindred worbers. Operatives and kindred workers. Private household workers. Service workers, exc. private household. Farm laborers and forceson. Leborers, exc. farm and mine. MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP OF HEAD	\$8,806 10,349 8,667 3,131 7,904 6,527 9,101 6,317 7,354 6,806 5,826 1,694 4,998 2,771 4,539	81.0 71.9 82.6 78.7 86.9 81.1 92.1 83.0 78.4 75.6 71.0 29.1 70.7 55.6 97.3	\$9,27 9,10 3,33 8,25 6,87 9,27 6,56 6,7,93 7,18 6,26 5,97 2,96 5,08
Works EXPERIENCE OF HEAD IN 1961 Worked at full-time jobs. 50 to 52 weeks. 27 to 49 weeks. 26 weeks or less Worked at part-time jobs. 50 to 52 weeks. 27 to 49 weeks. 26 weeks or less Did not work.	\$6,415 6,875 5,345 3,560 2,820 3,440 3,026 2,286 2,396		::	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	\$3,090 6,453 6,122 6,850 6,845 6,751 5,887 7,411 5,967 4,176 6,068 7,218 7,198	73.4 77.4 56.2 78.7 82.2 85.7 77.9 72.5 62.6 54.3 74.0 90.0	\$3,33 7,15 7,05 7,33 7,19 7,07 6,34 7,85 6,63 5,34 7,70 7,35

Table 4.—AGE AND SEX: PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER ST TOTAL MOMEY INCOME IN 1961, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

,				Maj	.0							Fem	le			
	Age (years)									· Age (years)						
Total money income	Total	14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Total	14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and ove
Number of personsthousands Number of persons with income thousands	61,098 55,839	8,645 4,533	5,015 4,664	10,614	11,609 11,452		7,584 7,418	7,469 7,257	66,420 38,076	8,854 3,857	5,844 3,662	11,310 5,658	12,394 6,530	10,635 6,250	′	9,19 7,19
INCOME RECIPIENTS																
Percent	100,0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,
\$1 to \$499 or loss. \$500 to \$999. \$1,500 to \$1,499. \$1,500 to \$1,499. \$2,500 to \$2,499. \$2,500 to \$2,999. \$3,500 to \$3,499. \$3,500 to \$3,499. \$4,000 to \$4,499. \$4,500 to \$4,999. \$5,000 to \$5,999. \$6,000 to \$5,999. \$7,000 to \$7,999. \$8,000 to \$7,999.	9.0 6.8 6.6 4.7 5.5 5.6 5.0 5.9 5.3 12.2 8.9 6.7 5.8	18.5 8.0 3.5 2.8 1.2 1.5 0.8 0.5 0.3 0.1	9,8 10,2 9,8 8,4 10,1 5,8 9,3 8,1 7,0 5,5 8,6 2,3	2.7 2.3 2.9 3.1 5.4 6.5 6.8 7.6 17.8 12.0 8.5 6.6	2.6 2.5 2.0 2.3 3.1 4.8 4.3 7.1 6.2 15.7 13.8 10.5	3.9 3.6 4.0 2.7 3.5 5.2 5.4 6.9 6.1 15.1 11.7 8.8	4.8 4.8 6.3 3.8 4.0 6.7 4.9 6.8 5.6 12.8 8.6 6.7,1	2.3 1.9 3.6	25.2 18.7 10.9 8.1 7.5 5.7 6.0 4.4 3.9 2.9 1.5 0.6	67.0 14.0 6.9 4.2 2.5 2.4 1.8 0.7 0.2 0.1	23.7 13.7 10.0 10.8 9.0 7.7 9.8 5.0 5.6 2.3 1.6 0.3	22.3 11.9 9.5 8.8 6.5 8.5 6.6 4.6 4.1 1.8 0.6	19.1 11.8 9.2 7.6 9.3 7.0 7.8 7.0 5.9 4.9 5.7 2.3 0.7	17.9 11.8 10.0 8.4 9.7.6 7.7 5.5 4.9 4.1 5.8 3.0 1.4	5.6 4.3 4.2 2.8 4.3	8.4. 3. 1.0. 0.0. 0.0.
\$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 and over	4.8 1.9 0.8	:::	0.2 0.1	4.4 1.1 0.4	7.9 2.7 0.9	6.7 3.6 1.4	6.5 2.6 1.1	1.1	0.3 0.1 0.1	***	0.1 	0.2 0.1 0.1	0.6 0.2 0.2	0.3	0.4 0.2 0.1	.:
Median income	\$4,189	\$399	\$2,654	\$5,045	\$5,726	\$5,321	\$4,597	\$1,758	\$1,279	\$373	\$1,620	\$1,861	\$2,123	\$2,094	\$1,480	\$85
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS																
Percent of all income recipients	57.5 \$5,663	5.9 \$1,938	46.0 \$4,045		76.7 \$6,190	72.9 \$5,887	65,7 \$5,533	17.0 \$4,025		6.2 \$2,293	30.1 \$3,143		40,5 \$3,557		31.5 \$3,323	

Table 5. -- SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: MEDIAN DICOME IN 1961 OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

		Male			Female				Male			Female	
Selected			time workers		All income	Year-round full- time workers		All income	Year-round full- time workers				
characteristics	recip- ients · —— Median income	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	recip- ients 	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	Selected characteristics	recip- ients 	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	recip- ients —— Median income	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income
Total	\$4,189	57,5	\$5,663	\$1,279	27.5	\$3,342	RELATIONSHIP TO FAMILY HEAD						
REGIONS Northeast North Central South West COLOR	\$4,559 4,407 3,000 5,205	57,4 53,5	\$5,810 5,701 4,716 6,668	\$1,576 1,248 967 1,512	26.3 26.5	3,337 2,785	Married, wife present. Other marital status	\$4,283 5,014 5,046 3,230 978 2,814	66.4 66.8 54.7	5,857 5,871 5,194 3,949		29.7 27.9 23.4	\$3,346 3,516 3,356 3,251 3,317
White	\$4,432 2,292		\$5,817 3,692			\$3,429 2,264							

Table 6.--OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY OF LONGEST JOB IN 1961: MEDIAN MONEY EARNINGS IN 1961 OF ALL CIVILIANS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER WITH EARNINGS AND OF YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Median not shown where base is less than 200,000)

Occupation group	All vorkers		Year-round full- time workers		Industry group	All wo	rkers	Year-round full time workers	
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Femal
Total with earnings	\$4,605	\$1,751	\$5,595	\$3,315	Total with earnings	\$4,605	\$1,751	\$5,595	\$3,31
Professional, technical, and kind. wkra Self-employed	7,486	3,552 . 911	7,468 9,083	4,875	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	1,281 5,663	307	2,223 6,515	
Salaried Teachers, elem. and sec. schools		3,723 4,037	7,380 6,510	5,226	Construction Manufacturing	4,132 5,373	2,542		
Other salaried workers		3,478	7,500 2,155	,724 .::	Nondurable goods	5,433 5,243	3,112 2,304		
Managers, off'ls, & propr's, exc. farm Self-employed	6,554 5,317 4,530	2,563 1,411 1,432	5,814	3,411 1,900 1,943	Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	5,472 5,239	3,500 4,091		4,05
In retail trade	5,909 7,404	3,420	6,519 7.688	4,240	Other industries	5,942 5,002	3,390	6,206	
Clerical and kindred workers	4,790 4,878	2,835	5,355 6,021	3,719	Retail trade	3,700 5,597	1,225 2,912	4,925	2,45
Peratismen, foremen, and kindred workers Deratives and kindred workers	5,404 4,341	2,750 2,118	6,005 5,150	[Business and repair services Personal services	4,359 3,274	1,784		٠.
Private household workers	3,114	387 1,069	4,322	1,140 2,302	Entertainment and recreation services Professional and related services	2,140 5,685	1,208 2,686	5,382	4.31
Yarm laborers and foremen	493 2,044	284	1,944 4,250		Public administration	5,654	3,899	5,923	4,4

Table 7.—EDUCATION: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1961 OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED, COLOR, AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

		Male		Female						
Years of school completed	Total	White	Nonvhi te	Total	White	Nonwhite				
Total	. \$4,189	\$4,432	\$2,292	\$1,279	\$1,358	\$910				
Less than 8 years 1 6 years	2,651 2,090 3,452	2,908 2,303 3,617	1,755 1,554 2,505	856 791 950	983 817 955	754 709 919				
ligh school: Total	4,540 3,865 5,052	4,718 4,090 5,155	2,840 2,427 3,381	1,535 994 1,938	1,626 996 1,965	1,187				
4 years	6,235 5,246 7,261 7,691	6,379 (²) (²) (²)	4,246 (2) (2) (2)	2,342 1,717 3,179 4,694	2,395 (2) (2)	1,566 2,410 (2) (2)				

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Includes persons reporting no years of school completed, not shown separately. $^{\rm 2}$ Not available,